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Close of Boys' Work.

We have reason for encouragement in the retrospect of the work among the boys in the season now closing.

The attendance at the weekly gatherings in our Hall has been large, and the boys have manifested much interest in the entertainments given. Talks on the war and other historical subjects, readings, recitations, music, spelling matches, &c., have engaged their attention and excited their comment and criticism, and some of the judgments expressed would have been creditable coming from matured minds.

The reading-rooms have had a fair attendance, as large as we could reasonably expect, but we cannot hope to make them strongly attractive until we have the means of supplying new material in the way of pictorial books and papers. Our friends have not aided us in this direction to the extent we had hoped for, and we would suggest that, in these days of house cleaning, they gather up and send to us any matter of this kind which may be of no service to them. It would be gladly received by our boys. The Friday evening Prayer Meeting has been regularly kept up and is well attended and full of interest. It is here our important work must be done in close personal association with the boys' and we hope to graduate from this meeting, some of the material which will aid in building up and perpetuating our Association. We look forward to another season with confident hope of good results and the Boy's Committee have already discussed some plans for our next campaign.

The final entertainment will be given on Monday evening, the 4th, and will be unusually attractive.

Notes.

The BULLETIN appears in a new dress this month.

Young men are always welcome to our rooms and meetings.

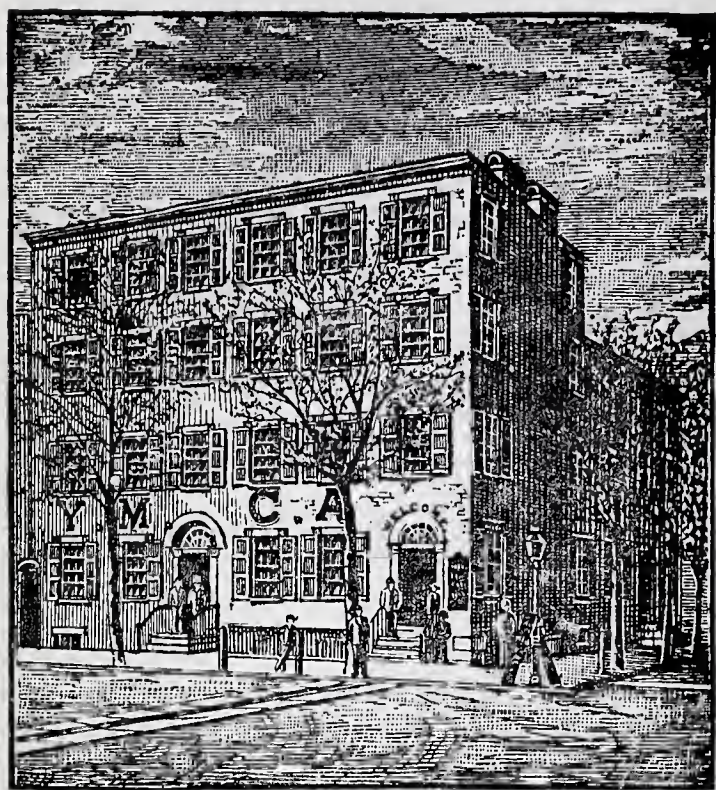
The Building has had its annual cleaning and presents a bright and inviting appearance.

We are in need of old Religious papers for distribution, and would be pleased to call for them if informed where they can be had.

The successful prosecution of our work depends largely upon receipts from Sustaining Memberships. Those for the present year were due on the 1st of May, and the Treasurer asks for prompt payment.

The Year Book of the Association will be published before another issue of the BULLETIN. It will contain full proceedings of the International Convention, recently held at Milwaukee, reports of all the Associations in the country and much other interesting matter. We believe many of our readers will want copies. Orders can be left with the Secretaries. Price 50 cents.

It will be impracticable to prosecute certain branches of our work during the Summer, and consequently some of our committees will be relieved from active duty for a few months. But the spiritual work should be carried on with unbroken energy. The Young Men's Training Class, Bible Class and Gospel Meeting will be continued throughout the year. The importance of these meetings can not be overestimated and we sincerely trust they will receive the hearty support of our members.



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June Jottings.

Rev. J. B. Mann, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, will address the first Open Air Service to-morrow evening, at the Capitol Park.

The Board of Managers' Meeting, Tuesday, the 5th, will be one of special interest to the members of that body.

The Young Men's Bible Class will be continued as it has been. The course of study on the Life of David will be completed this month. With the long mornings of Summer we will expect an increased attendance.

At the usual monthly tea of the committee entrusted with the Young Men's Gospel Meeting, the best interests of that meeting were carefully considered. It was determined to change the time of meeting for the Summer, beginning with to-morrow, from 3:15 p.m., to 6:30. It will be continued for a-half hour only, and will serve as an after meeting to the Open Air Service.

On the 14th there will be given in our Hall an entertainment that will possess new and novel features. It will resemble largely the Japanese Tea parties which have been so successfully held in some of our principle cities. A number of our lady friends are interested in this undertaking and we bespeak a very enjoyable affair. The proceeds will be used in liquidating a small debt standing against the Lecture Course and any surplus will be at the disposal of the Ladies' Advisory Committee.

On Thursday evening, the 7th, at 8 o'clock, the last Practical Talk in our course will be given in our Hall. Dr. Hugh Hamilton will speak of "The Earth and How it was Made." It is not for members of the Association only, but for all young men, and we earnestly urge them to attend. Free tickets can be obtained from the Secretaries at the Building.

The Open Air Work for this season will be inaugurated to-morrow, Sunday evening, at 5:30 o'clock. Instead of scattering our members to four or five different parts of the city as heretofore, our forces will be concentrated to one point—the Capitol Park. A strong committee of experienced and efficient men will have charge of the conduct of this meeting, and we desire all our members who can to assist by speaking or singing or by faithful attendance. Following the profitable custom of the past five years a conference of those who expect to aid in the work will be held at the Building, Sunday, the 3rd, at 4:30 o'clock. A plain tea will be served, and a short time will be spent in conference and prayer, after which the workers will go out to hold the first meeting.

TOPICS FOR MEETINGS:

SUNDAY, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Bible Study for Young Men, conducted by the General Secretary.

June 3—Absalom's Defeat and Death. II Sam. xvi: 15; xix.

" 10—The Restoration of David to his Throne.—II Sam. xix. xx.

" 17—Famine and Pestilence. II Sam. xxii. xxiv.

" 24—Last Words. I Kings ii. II Sam. xxiii: 1.

SUNDAY, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., Open Air Meeting at Capitol Park for Everybody.

June 3—Christ Died for Sinners. Rom. 5: 6-8.

" 10—Questions Worthy of Thoughtful Consideration. Matt. xvi: 26; Lu. xii: 16-21.

" 17—What Will You Read? Hosea viii: 7; Gal. vi: 7, 8.

" 24—A Wayward Son Returning to Privilege and Duty. Lu. xv: 11-14.

SATURDAY, 8 to 8:45 p.m. Training Class for Young Men.

June 2—"I'm afraid I will Fail." John C. Lynch.

" 9—"I won't Forgive." J. Hervey Patton.

" 16—"My Difficulty is I can't Believe." Dr. John M. Peddicord.

" 23—"I am as good as many Church Members." George B. Myers.

" 30—"I want to Feel." John H. Groff.

May Mention.

The Hospital service closed last Sunday evening until September.

Lyceum adjourned Friday the 25th, until Fall.

Forty new members were elected at the Quarterly Business Meeting, held on the evening of the 10th.

The attendance upon Evening Prayers has been larger than any previous month this year.

The Service of Song held Sunday afternoon, the 6th, was the last for this season.

Mr. Jones Wister, gave a Business Talk to young men in his usual happy manner on the evening of the 10th. The attention and deep interest of the seventy young men present proved that they appreciated the practical advice.

The Social Reception, on the 29th was a fitting close for the season. The programme was pleasantly varied and all the participants performed their parts admirably. We return thanks to all who contributed to the success of this and all Receptions of the year.

The members of the Reception Committee had a pleasant social gathering in our Parlors after their monthly meeting, the 7th. They were enter-

tained by the Chairman, Mr. George W. Reinhard, and the presence of State Secretary Taggart added interest to the occasion. Much credit is due the committee for regular attendance at the Building.

On the evening of the 25th Mr. J. Hervey Patton, president of the Orchestra, and our General Secretary, accompanied the Association Orchestra to Carlisle, where it furnished music for the contest of the Sophomore Class of Dickinson College. The Orchestra sustained the reputation it won in Carlisle a year ago. The music was excellent and was highly praised.

Our Assistant Secretary, Mr. Brown, attended the General Secretaries' Conference, held at Racine, Wisconsin, and the Twenty-Fifth International Convention, which met at Milwaukee—both occasions of deep interest and practical good to all present. Rev. Dr. E. R. Hendrix, President of Central College, Missouri, and Rev. A. F. Peirson, D.D., of Indianapolis, Indiana, expressed their conviction that the work of Young Men's Christian Associations is *the religious movement of the Nineteenth Century*.

STATISTICS FOR MAY.

26 Daily Prayer Meetings.....	115
22 Evening Prayers.....	182
4 Boys' Prayer Meetings.....	46
4 Young Men's Meetings.....	79
4 Young Men's Bible Classes.....	50
3 Training Classes.....	23
1 Service of Song.....	93
4 Jail Services (visitors).....	106
4 " " (prisoners).....	257
4 Home for Friendless Sunday School.....	324
4 Lochiel Sunday School.....	244
4 Hospital Services.....	103
26 Gymnasium (exercising).....	384
26 " (visiting).....	404
2 Board of Managers' Meeting.....	25
13 Committee Meetings.....	73
4 Boys' Entertainments.....	420
4 Lyceum Sessions.....	50
4 Orchestra Practices.....	42
1 Practical Talk (Mr. Jones Wister).....	70
5 Base Ball (Games).....	65
5 Base Ball (Meetings of Club).....	75
Religious Papers Distributed.....	129
Book Taken from Library.....	167
Baths Taken.....	30
Membership Tickets Expired.....	21
" " Renewed.....	4
New Members Joined.....	9

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